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1. REFTEL REPORTED CONCERN OF PRESIDENT TOULOUSE CHAPTER OF FRANCE-ETATS UNIS (MADAME MARIE-MADELEINE BABOULET) ON CONCORDE ISSUE AND HER INTENTION WRITE TO AMBASSADOR THIS SUBJECT. LETTER DATED DEC. 22 HAS NOW BEEN RECEIVED. LETTER ASKS THAT COPIES BE MADE AVAILABLE TO DOT SECRETARY COLEMAN AND DOT DEPUTY SECRETARY BARNUM PRIOR TO JANUARY 5, WHEREBY WE CONCLUDE THAT MADAME BABOULET DESIRES HER VIEWS TO FORM PART OF WHATEVER WRITTEN TESTIMONY MAY SUPPLEMENT ORAL TESTIMONY GIVEN AT JAN. 5 HEARING. (COPIES OF LETTER ARE BEING POUCHED TO DEPT. (EB/AVP) WHICH SHOULD FORWARD COPY TO APPROPRIATE OFFICE IN DOT.

2. LETGR STATES THAT LARGE MAJORITY OF PEOPLE OF TOULOUSE, WHERE CONCORDE IS BUILT, ARE "SURPRISED, INDIGNANT AND DUMBFOUNDED" OVER BITTER OPPOSITION
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CONCORDE IS ENCOUNTERING IN US. TOULOUSE POPULATION

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UNABLE TAKE SERIOUSLY US OBJECTIONS TO CONCORDE NOISE AND POLLUTION WHEN CONCORDE HAS FOR SOME YEARS BEEN TAKING OFF SEVERALTIMES WEEKLYFROM TOULOUSE AIRPORT LOCATED NOT FAR FROM CITY CENTER AND HAS SOUNDED NO LOUDER THAN ANY OTHER AIRCRAFT. "MAN IN THE STREET" REACTION IN TOULOUSE IS THAT US CARRIERS ARE FEARFUL OF COMPETITION AND "ARE PAYING THE AUTHORITIES TO BAN CONCORDE". LETTER CONCLUDES THAT IF AFTER JAN. 5 HEARING USG DECISION IS NEGATIVE, "THERE WOULD BE SUCH A MOVEMENT OF HOSTILITY HERE TOWARD THE UNITED STATES THAT OUR ASSOCIATION WOULD HAVE TO DISAPPEAR. AS FOR MYSELF, I WOULD NO LONGER HAVE THE COURAGE TO CONTINUE ACTING ON BEHALF OF A COUNTRY WHICH DEGENDS ITS OWN FREE ENTERPRISE BUT NOT THAT OF OTHERS." (QUOTES ARE OUR INFORMAL TRANSLATION FROM FRENCH TEXT.)

3. APPENDED TO LETTER IS COPY OF TRACT DISTRIBUTED BY TRADE UNIONS AT AEROSPATIALE ON DEC. 13 PROTESTING WHAT IS CLAIMED TO BE ANTI-CONCORDE BIAS OF US PRESS AND ALSO SCORING "ANTI-CONCORDE" ACTIONS BY JUSTICE DEPT. AGAINST CONCORDE LOBBYISTS AND EPA ADMINISTRATOR TRAIN'S RECENT REMARKS BEFORE HOUSE SUB-COMMITTEE QUESTIONING DESIRABILITY CONCORDE SERVICE TO JFK OR DULLES.

4. WE MIGHT ADD THAT AMCONSUL BORDEAUX HAS BROUGHT TO OUR ATTENTION (AND POUCHED CLIPPINGS TO DEPT.) THAT TOULOUSE PRESS IS URGING MASSIVE WRITE-IN CAMPAIGN TO DOT SECRETARY COLEMAN IN ORDER OFFSET WEIGHT OF ANTI-CONCORDE VIEWS EMANATING FROM US PUBLIC.
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